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Paul

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SUBJECT:

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The OIR corrections were practically all editorial or nit-picks, as [redacted] agrees. We mutually agreed to accept about half of them and to leave out the rest. The paper is not changed in any material respect so I recommend that no Board meeting is necessary.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

28 ~~26~~ June 1952

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Memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence

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Subject: The Italian Political Outlook through the National  
Elections<sup>1/</sup>

CONCLUSIONS<sup>2/</sup>

The 1951-1952 local elections have indicated a sharp trend away from the democratic center, particularly toward the right. Although by virtue of a 1951 electoral law permitting "linked lists" the government actually increased its control over local administrations, the popular vote for the government parties declined sharply.

- 1/ The Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State, concurs in this estimate. It has been prepared in collaboration with OIR.
- 2/ This is an interim estimate pending completion of NIE-71, "The Probable Outlook for Italy."

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